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NJ Department of Education Podcast Explores Social-Emotional Learning

Trenton, NJ – In its “DOE Digest” podcast episode scheduled to be released on Thursday, August 12, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) discusses the integration of social-emotional learning and equity in education programs.

“Social and emotional learning, or SEL, will be the foundation of a successful school year for students and educators around New Jersey,” said Kenneth Bond, Acting Director of NJDOE’s Office of the Professional Learning Network and program moderator. “This podcast provides vital information on how to integrate SEL into the fabric of an educational community.”

The guests on the podcast are Jaclyn Citro, District Assistant Principal at Milton Public Schools; Robyn Ivanisik, Culture and Climate Specialist at Greenwood Elementary School; Gayle Colucci, District Culture and Climate Coordinator at Cranford Public Schools; Latasha Casterlow-Lalla, Supervisor of Art and Music for Passaic Public Schools; Margie Thomas, Music Educator in the Metuchen Public Schools; and Kandice Point-Du-Jour, Dance Instructor in the South Orange-Maplewood School Districts.

During the 30-minute podcast, guests will discuss positive school climates, implementing daily SEL programs, and SEL integration with the arts.

“We need to provide students with a learning environment that welcomes their individuality, their creativity and their perseverance,” Ivanisik said. “When educators get to know their students, they are able to create an individualized approach to learning.”

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